

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Webster County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30am on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 for a regular business meeting at the Courthouse in Red Cloud. The following Board Members were present for roll call: Dan Shipman (District One), Trevor Karr (District Two), Keith Buschow (District Four) and Gary Ratzlaff (District Five). Vacant: (District Three). The Board stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Buschow gave notice of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act Laws. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, seconded by Karr to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2019 meeting. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Karr and Shipman. Vacant: Commissioner District Three to be replaced at a later time. Motion carried.

At 8:35am, Paul Stoner met with the Board and reported the Walnut Creek Project for bridges are getting closer to begin construction. Hopefully we will be getting an estimate soon so work can begin in late October. Paul checked on a pickup to be purchased through Lincoln with a state bid price. One has been ordered and will be available in December. Other equipment for the road office is being considered through lease options, but nothing at this time. The crews have been working on roads and finished a large project that involved an old culvert that had been damaged and caused flooding issues. It was fixed properly.

Wages and raises were discussed by the Board.

A contract for Webster County Ambulance Services for Red Cloud and Blue was presented to the Board at 9:15am. After review by the Board and County Attorney Bockstadter, the contract submitted by Petsch Billing for \$350.00 a month was approved and signed with a motion by Ratzlaff and second by Shipman. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Karr and Shipman. Vacant: Commissioner District Three. Motion carried. Clerk Petsch presented a bill for ambulance service that she has sent to the family for payment and is waiting to see how it comes out before taking any further action on this. The Board approved of the letter sent.

Clerk Petsch presented a copy of an "In God We Trust" sign the Board had already approved of. Deputy Harig had contacted the group who previously came to the Board. The Board thought it was very good and Abbey can proceed with this.

At 9:45am Treasurer Knehans met with the Board on approval of an Irrevocable Letter of Credit. Motion was made by Shipman, second by Karr to approve Resolution 41-2019. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Karr and Shipman. Motion carried. Resolution 41-2019 was signed.

RESOLUTION NO. 41-2019

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Webster County, Nebraska, that **SOUTH CENTRAL STATE BANK** be permitted to Pledge the following securities, held in escrow by the Webster County Treasurer (trustee) to secure deposits in the County in said bank, to wit:

FHL BANK-TOPEKA

IRREVOCABLE LETTER OF CREDIT #57999

AMOUNT: \$2,000,000.00

EXPIRATION DATE: 12/02/2019

ADOPTED by the Webster County Board of Commissioners this 1st day of October, 2019.

Chairman Keith Buschow signed the Certificate of Cost Allocation Plan previously on the September 17th, 2019 agenda.

At 9:45am, Janice Hartman was on the agenda but due to illness was unable to attend.

At 10:00am, Carissa Uhrmacher met with the Board and updated them on activity being done with the Juvenile Services Grant. She presented a Memorandum of Understanding regarding these services. The Board approved of this and motion was made by Ratzlaff, second by Shipman for Keith to sign the document for continued services. Voting in favor: Ratzlaff, Buschow, Karr and Shipman. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karr, second by Buschow to approve of payment of claims and payroll. All voted in favor.

Keith reported the window project will be starting the end of October. The Board also discussed the fencing around the HVAC system. No definite decision made at this time.

At 10:30am, Assessor Krueger met with the Board on 2019-2020 Tax Levies. Motion was made by Ratzlaff, second by Shipman to approve of these levies presented. Voting in favor: Buschow, Ratzlaff, Karr and Shipman. Motion carried.

The following claims and payroll are listed below:

GENERAL FUND: Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Retire)-\$607.08; Bockstadter Law Office (Contract)-\$1705.00; Sara Bockstadter (Expense)-\$3.50; Katie Bolte (Expense)-\$23.78; Ron Brumbaugh (Contract)-\$1766.67; Calkins Law Office (Counsel)-\$80.75; Central Nebr Cremation/Mortuary Services (Fees)-\$600.00; DAS State Accounting/Central Finance (Fees)-\$448.00; FICA (S.S.)-\$688.02; Eakes Office Solutions (Supply)-\$166.62; Electronic Systems, Inc (Repairs)-\$65.00; First National Bank Omaha (Supply)-\$834.30; Franklin County Memorial Hospital (Fees)-\$185.00; Glenn Plumbing & Heating (Repairs)-\$139.57; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$1192.06; Hampton Inn-Kearney (Lodging)-\$684.00;

Abbey Harig (Expense)-\$175.62; Hastings Radiology Association (Fees)-\$85.00; Alexa Hinrichs (Expense)-\$24.36; Hometown Leasing (Lease)-\$250.00; J&A Auto Supply (Repairs)-\$4.99; Elizabeth Janning (Expense)-\$96.28; Jared's Auto Expert (Repairs)-\$200.59; Sonja L Krueger (Expense)-\$129.25; Leaf Capitol Funding, LLC (Lease)-\$424.45; Lutz (Budget)-\$5000.00; NE Law Enforcement Training Center (Expense)-\$55.02; Nebraska.gov (Supply)-\$100.00; Sydney O'Daniel (Expense)-\$59.16; Katie Ord (Expense)-\$234.96; Pierce Electronics (Repairs)-\$60.80; Gary Ratzlaff (Expense)-\$234.60; Red Cloud Chief (Publish)-\$650.32; City of Red Cloud (Utility)-\$1254.32; Sam's Club (Supply)-\$207.62; Monica Schmitz (Expense)-\$83.52; Skalka & Baack Law Firm (Counsel)-\$541.50; The Radar Shop (Repairs)-\$344.00; Theobald Law Office (Counsel)-\$3760.25; University of Nebraska-Lincoln (Fees)-\$30.00; Verizon Wireless (Phone)-\$240.06; Webster County Sheriff's Department (Fee)-\$35.03; Williams Exterminating, Inc (Pest Control)-\$88.00; Woodward's Disposal Service (Utility)-\$20.00. **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** Ameritas Life Insurance Corp (Retire)-\$93.91; Bladen Sand & Gravel, Inc (Gravel)-\$28,573.57; City of Blue Hill (Utility)-\$85.54; Country Corner (Fuel)-\$72.69; FICA (S.S.)\$106.43; Great Plains Communications (Phones)-\$49.51; John Deere Financial (Repairs)-\$193.89; LRNRD Rural Water Project (Water)-\$22.21; Matt Friend Truck Equip, Inc (Repairs)-\$469.25; Newman Traffic Signs (Signs)-\$17.97; Oak Creek Engineering, LLC (Fees)-\$605.60; Olson Enterprises LLC (Fuel)-\$8635.21; Power Plan, Dep 77871 (Repairs)-\$74.98; Sunbelt Rentals (Repairs)-\$44.38; Verizon Wireless (Phone)-\$37.32; Windstream (Phone)-\$69.74. **SELF-INSURED DENTAL FUND:** Charles D Bauer, D.D.S. (Dental)-\$173.80; Bush Family Dentistry (Dental)-\$147.00; Sean M Dally, D.D.S. (Dental)-\$2572.80; Island View Dental (Dental)-\$41.00. **BRIDGE BOND FUND:** Union Bank & Trust Company (Payment)-\$22,532.32. Central Community College (Fees)-\$15.00; FICA (S.S.)-\$245.31; Great Plains Communications (Phone)-\$48.83; Petsch Billing (Contract)-\$350.00. Total Employee Salary - \$13,590.96.

Being no further business, Chairman Buschow adjourned the meeting at 10:40am. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 8:30am. A current agenda and complete minutes are on file at the County Clerk's Office and at www.co.webster.ne.us.

Dated this 1st day of October, 2019
Webster County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Louise Petsch
Webster County Clerk